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To: [Melissa Horn](#)
Subject: Removing 2019 Campaign Election Fine & Continuing 2017 Suspended Campaign Election Fine with no payments due
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I hope everything is going well. It was a pleasure speaking with you. As we discussed, I am requesting a payment plan due to the fact that I am unemployed and receiving Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).

Also, I would like the ethics board to reconsider the 3 day fine for the 2019 late campaign election filing report due to extenuating circumstances regarding my disability and the Dragon Dictate voice-activated software that I use, because of my permanent disability (Paralyzed from the Neck Down). This would retroactively continue the 2017 fine that was suspended and prevent me from having this financial hardship, since I receive SSDI due to my disability in 1989 at the age of 17.

Also, I am requesting that the ethics board amended the statewide candidate policy for individuals with disabilities that use NaturallySpeaking Dragon Dictate Software and allow a reasonable time since this software does not work well with the state campaign filing software.

I have successfully used Dragon Dictate Software throughout undergraduate, graduate and law school at both Tulane University and Loyola University School of Law. Since I am paralyzed from the neck down, Dragon Dictate Software is only software that works extremely well for me.

When the policy was written for political candidates filing campaign report deadlines, this was not written with disabled individuals that use voice-activated software and file their own statewide election campaign reports. Therefore, I am requesting the ethics board remove the 3 days late, fine of \$300 that will prevent me from paying the suspended initial \$600 and \$800 fine from the 2017 special election for Louisiana State Treasurer, because I reduce the 2017 late election filing from 6 and 8 days to only 3 days in 2019 by starting extra early, working extremely long hours and still having to use the same Dragon Dictate voice-activated software.

Along with this e-mail, I've attached a letter of recommendation by the former president of Tulane University, Dr. Kelly, a campaign commercial that demonstrates my physical

disability and extraordinary accomplishments despite my disability and a picture of me and former New Orleans Saints football player Steve Gleason and me and two World War II veterans.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Attorney Derrick Edwards



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing this letter in support of the application of **Derrick Edwards** for an internship during his Masters of Accountancy program at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University.

A serious, hard-working student, Derrick graduated from Tulane University in May, 1997, with a Bachelor of Science in Management degree. He is a bright, articulate young man whose intellectual maturity and clear thinking are reflected in a solid academic record.

During Derrick's high school career, he was injured during a football game and as a result is a quadriplegic. Being confined to a wheelchair has not proven to deter his enthusiasm for life or his determination to meet his lifelong goals. He has exhibited an incredible ability to persevere through an arduous physical recovery and did not, at any time, lose focus of his academic quest and his future career goals. He has set high standards and has been able to accomplish insurmountable feats. His professors and fellow students remain amazed at his personal fortitude and his persistence.

I believe that Derrick Edwards would be an excellent candidate for employment as an intern, and I am pleased to recommend him for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Eamon M. Kelly
President

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